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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-037N]

Technical Conference on HACCP Implementation

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting on August 17-18, 1999, to discuss technical issues related to the implementation of the Pathogen Reduction/Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Systems, Final Rule. The focus of the meeting will be to address how a hazard analysis is to be conducted and documented, and what constitutes validation of HACCP plans. In conjunction with addressing what constitutes the validation of HACCP plans, the topics of Listeria and performance standards related to lethality and stabilization will be addressed. A steering committee made up of people from industry, trade associations, consumer groups, and academia assisted in identifying sub-topics to be addressed at the conference. The FSIS Technical Service Center staff, which is the Agency's primary resource for addressing technical questions, will host the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held August 17-18, 1999, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown/Old Market, 555 South 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, Telephone (402) 346-9000, FAX (402) 345-6156. The meeting is open to the public on a space-available basis. To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Deborah Arthur of the Food Safety and Inspection Service's Technical Service

Center on or before August 10, 1999, by TELEPHONE (402) 221-7400, FAX (402) 221-7438, or e-mail

deborah.arthur@usda.gov Attendees who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation should contact Ms. Arthur at the above numbers. Send an original and two copies of comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #99-037N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Transcripts from the meeting will be on file for viewing in the FSIS Docket Clerk's Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karlease Kelly, Technical Service Center, Office of Field Operations, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Suite 300 Landmark Center, 1299 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, TELEPHONE 402-221-7400, FAX 402-221-7421 or e-mail karlease.kelly@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to address technical issues that have emerged during the implementation of the Agency's Pathogen Reduction/Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (PR/HACCP) Systems Final Rule, which published on July 25, 1996. The PR/HACCP rule calls for federally inspected establishments to develop a HACCP-based food safety system to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses from livestock and poultry products. The PR/HACCP Systems Final Rule has been implemented in large and small establishments with a high degree of success. The final phase of implementation will take place in January 2000, with the implementation by very small establishments.

It is envisioned that the meeting will be useful for the establishments that have already implemented HACCP as well as for those establishments that will be implementing HACCP.

Done at Washington, DC on: July 13, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Mill-Key-Wey Timber Sales; Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest; Mineral County, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for timber harvesting, prescribed burning, road access changes, and watershed rehabilitation in a 25,000-acre area near Superior, Montana. Lands affected are within the Mill, Fourmile, Slowey Gulch, Keystone and Pardee Creek drainages, tributary to the Clark Fork River, between Superior and St. Regis, Montana. The project area is bounded by Interstate 90 to the south and west and the Ninemile divide between Plains/Thompson Falls and Superior Ranger Districts to the north.

DATES: Initial comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing no later than August 23, 1999. Comments received during the previous scoping will be considered in the analysis and do not need to be resubmitted during this comment time period.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Cindy Champman Enstrom, District Ranger, Superior Ranger District, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Martin, Mill-Key-Wey Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Superior Ranger District, as above, or phone: (406) 822-4233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public involvement was initiated in September 1996 on the Mill-Key-Wey proposal. Additional public involvement was conducted in November of that year during alternative development. An open house hosted by the Superior Ranger District was held on January 1997, where additional comments were solicited. A follow-up letter was sent in April 1997 to the open house attendees notifying them of the project status and projected timelines.

The environmental analysis has indicated that significant effects may occur. Accordingly, we are now in the process of developing a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS proposes the following: